

Sunday 28th January 2024



First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth

Responsorial Psalm:

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts**

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 7: 32-35

An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

He taught them authority

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

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Mass cards available from church/office.

(Please note the parish office is located beside the church, entrance via the church car park - green door)

For your information:

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH CLUB

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**Racial Justice Day
28th January
Becoming a
Welcoming Church
11th February**



**Sunday 28th January 2024
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

NEWSLETTER

Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass is live streamed every Sunday at 11am on youtube:

Search Youtube Stagnesstaidan

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
Livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

Saturday 27th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Ruth Harrison, Andy Wilkinson

Sunday 28th January - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Racial Justice Day

Mass 9.30 am - Bernadette Robinson, Alex Fletcher

Mass 11.00 am - Pat Coffey, Mary & Christopher Whitty & all the deceased family

Monday 29th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 30th January - Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest & Doctor

Requiem Mass 11.00am - Marion Lowndes

Wednesday 31st January

Mass 7.30 pm - Tommy Tansey, Maurice O'Gorman

Friday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Sr Bernarda Maiorano, Sr Filippina Cigliotti

Saturday 3rd February

Mass 5.30 pm - Letitia, Peter & Hannah Davies, Patsy Smith

Sunday 4th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Les Wilson, Michael Davies

Mass 11.00 am - Mary Christopher, Terminally ill Parishioners & their families

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm
(or by appointment during office hours)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 28th Jan - Racial Justice Day (CARJ)
- 11th Feb - Becoming a Welcoming Church (CARJ)
- 1st May - Time to Remember Service
- 9th June - International Table (CARJ) @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 14th July - BBQ and Fundraiser @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 6th Sept - Main Fundraiser in St Aidan's Club
- 9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy
- 27th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)

Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see someone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Or it may be that you are unable to attend Church because you have been ill.

In either case please contact the office as soon as possible and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch, if they so wish.



Preparation for Easter

Five one-hour sessions of silent reflection based on James Finley's contemplative insights and beautiful poetic imagery.

Venue: Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Dates: Tuesdays February 20th and 27th; March 5th, 12th, 19th

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Tea will be served after each session.

Please contact Cathy York if you are interested or would like to know more.

Contact: cathmyork@gmail.com

THE BELLE VALE PASSION.

Holy Saturday 12noon Belle Vale Shopping Centre: What are you doing for Lent? This project promises to be a great way to prepare for Easter. It will offer the opportunity to nurture new friendships, contribute towards a community project, and above all, bring the Easter story to the local community.

There are many roles, tasks, and voluntary jobs. We would like to get 100 people signed up by Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) and there is a role for everyone. Please visit the website bellevalepassion.co.uk to watch a short film and find out how you can get involved.

Loving Authority

We might be tempted to pass over today's gospel story as a colourful but irrelevant tale from ancient times. But if we try to enter into the characters, we might find that this story speaks powerfully into our own lives, right here and now.

The audience: We don't know their names, ages or background. All we know is that they showed up in the synagogue on the Sabbath, listened to Jesus teach and found themselves "astounded" and "amazed" because Jesus came with "a new teaching," and "he taught as one having authority." The implication is that they were receptive to newness and open to amazement. Are we? How can we make sure we're not so entrenched in our theological, liturgical, cultural or political points of view that we fear and resist the new? We forget that Jesus came — and comes — to make all things new. Amazement is the birthright of God's children.

The man with the unclean spirit: There are various commentaries on the nature of this 'spirit'. What is most disturbing is not "who" or "what" the spirit actually was, but how utterly it ravaged the poor man whose body and mind it possessed. We have all suffered under the bondage of "spirits" that diminish, distort and wound us. The unclean spirit in today's gospel recognises "the Holy One of God" before anyone else does. It realises that Jesus' presence signals its doom, and puts up a vicious fight before it surrenders. Sometimes, when we move towards faith and healing, 'unclean spirits' fight the hardest because they know their time is up.

Jesus: Jesus didn't use his authority to make himself more powerful. He used it only to heal, to free, to serve and to empower those around him. Maybe this is precisely why his audience found him so compelling — his was the authority of a *servant* king. He had no political power, no earthly throne or kingdom to speak of. But he had an integrity and a consistency that compelled people to follow him. When Jesus shows up in the guise of a loving friend, or a provocative sermon, or a troubled conscience our 'demons' recognise Him and they make us recoil because they know that an encounter with Jesus will change everything. Secondly, Jesus stepped directly into the pain, rage, ugliness and horror at the heart of this story. He was *in* the fear, *in* the sickness, *in* the nightmare, ready to engage anything that diminished the lives of those he loved. Wherever there is pain, darkness and torment, God is present.

May we, like the audience in the synagogue, recover holy amazement. May we, like the man with the unclean spirit, surrender to the transforming, healing presence of Jesus. And may we, like Jesus, speak words of loving authority to the world's pain.

Adapted: Debie Thomas

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers.

Please let the office know if you wish to add a name to the list. All names from last year have been removed.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holland, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe



Lately Deceased

Andy Wilkinson, Mary Johnston, Chrissy Woods

Anniversaries

Felicia Roberts, Elizabeth Woodruff, Walter Kenneth Byrne.

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 28th January Those mentally and physical challenged

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List. If you wish this to be said on a specific date can you please give the office as much advanced warning as possible. Please note: As in previous years Easter and Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions. Thank you.
Weekday Opening: The church is open daily (except on bank holidays) from 10am—1pm for quiet prayer and refecton.

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP-IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm, in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room, at St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church on Huyton Hey Road.L36 5SQ . (*Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the arched metal gate*)

We are not counsellors, just a small group of parishioners who have received training for this special ministry. We have also experienced the grief of having lost a loved one. You may prefer to have a one to one meeting with one of our care team. Our monthly Drop – In, is an open invitation for anyone to come along for a cup of tea and company. Time shared with a warm welcome with an opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

To be advised

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 5th February**

If you wish to have your child baptised, you **must** contact the Parish Office on **0151 489 3085** and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request.

Once ordered copies can be collected on Monday or Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN CHURCH

As a parish family we have invested a considerable amount of money on security to make it possible to keep the church open during the weekdays from 10am to 1pm (except on bank holidays) Please feel free to avail yourself of this opportunity to spend some valuable time in the presence of the blessed sacrament in private prayer or just to light a candle.



LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

**The next meeting is on
Sunday 18th February**

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

BECOMING A WELCOMING PARISH

Everyone is invited to a table fellowship to begin a conversation/discussion about what a welcoming church means. Please invite your friends from different ethnic backgrounds/nationalities

**Sunday 11th February after 11am Mass
From 12.30pm**

Parking

We would discourage inconsiderate parking in the church car parks where only one space should be used.

Please pay attention when parking on the edge of the pavements as it sometimes makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely.

Please note: Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you for your consideration

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

30th Jan OR 1st Feb First Children's session 6pm - 7pm in St. Aidan's Club

20th Feb OR 22nd Feb
Second Children's session
6pm - 7pm in St. Aidan's Club

19th March OR 21st March
Third Children's session
6pm - 7pm in church.

Reconciliation dates and rehearsals dates to be confirmed.

11th May St. Aidan's First Communion
10 am

11th May St. Joseph's First Communion
12:30 pm

12th May All other schools
First Communion 1:30 pm

18th May St. Anne's First Communion
10 am & 12:30 pm

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance for at least two years) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to the

Music Group: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 6th February at 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.

SOUP CLUB

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

Wednesday 21st February

Soup and a roll and Tea Dance

Wednesday 20th March at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Bingo

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PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 14th February

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room

(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)
New Members always welcome

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of
each month
8am to 12 noon

